

CONGRESS ADDS BANKER GLOVER TO PUNCHERS' LIST

Is Seventh Man in Nation's History Reprimanded for Assault on Member.

APOLOGIZES FOR ACT.

Slapped Representative Sims and Gets "Spanked" by Speaker Clark.

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WASHINGTON, May 9.—So careful what you do or say to a member of Congress as you will get in the line of Charles C. Glover, president of Washington's biggest bank. He got mad the other day at something Thetus Sims said about him and promptly slapped that gentleman's face. Now it chanced that Mr. Sims is a representative from Tennessee and for this little exchange of courtesies Mr. Glover has become No. 7 in the list of pugilistic citizens publicly reprimanded by Congress.

The ceremony of initiating Mr. Glover into the Congressional punching club took place yesterday afternoon in the House of Representatives.

Speaker Champ Clark played the role of Uncle Sam administering a verbal spanking to a bad boy, who stood humble and penitent before two hundred Congressmen and five hundred spectators. Uncle Sam's feelings as well as Mr. Sims' face had been horribly outraged, and the whole might and force of the greatest Government on earth was summoned to prove that the person of a Congressman is sacred; also, incidentally, that the right of free speech must be preserved. Of course you can't always tell who is and who is not a Congressman, especially in Washington, where they are continually in the way of automobiles and street cars. So the new rule of the road in the capital is to consult a Congressional directory before venturing forth.

All this rum grew out of remarks made by the Tennessee Congressman in the House about the purchase of some park property in the city with which he connected Mr. Glover's name. Whereupon the banker, meeting the Congressman in the street a few days ago, slapped his face.

LITTLE DAMAGE EXCEPT TO DIGNITY AND "FEELING."

The Congressman, a little over two years old and the banker, nearly the same age, so no serious physical damage was done to either. Instead of calling a policeman in the English fashion or challenging to a duel in the French fashion, the Tennessee complained to the House that his rights of free speech were imperiled and the immunity of a member for his utterances on the floor was in danger. So the ponderous wheels of Congressional contempt proceedings were set in motion. They ground through hours of debate until they dragged Banker Glover before the bar of the House yesterday.

No stretch of imagination could paint the scene as magnificently solemn as it is difficult to picture the outraged majesty of government when clad in nightgown and slippers. A presiding officer in light gray garments does not exactly fulfill one's ideas of parliamentary pompousness. A sergeant-at-arms, without symbols of authority or habiliments of office, did not give an impression of the nation's power as he snatched down the main aisle theoretically dragging a prisoner before the tribune of the people. A national assembly looting seats, some reading newspapers, some talking among themselves, all seemed particularly out of place.

Banker Glover was quite the most dignified figure of all, even though he was not in chains nor even in a suit. He is a tall, fine appearing man, well dressed by his tailor and well groomed by his valet. He stood facing the speaker while the incident unfolded almost unanimously by the House, was read to him.

"Do you desire to be heard," asked Speaker Clark, "and to have counsel on the charge of being in contempt of the House of Representatives for having violated its privileges?"

BANKER APOLOGIZES; GETS VERBAL SPANKING.

The condemned banker drew from his pocket a slip of paper and read a statement of humble apology.

"I admit the facts to be as found, but earnestly disclaim all intention to show disrespect to this House or its members or to invade their privileges. Nor did I know at the time of the occurrence that I was doing either. I express my deep regret and offer my sincere apologies."

Representative Crisp of Georgia, on behalf of the contempt committee, offered a resolution recommending that the guilty offender be let off with a reprimand, which the House voted unanimously. Now arose Speaker Clark to administer the solemn spanking, making it as prolonged and painful as words would permit.

"The freedom of speech and immunity from being questioned elsewhere, for words spoken in debate on the floor of the House, is at the very root of our free institutions. You violated both by your conduct. This is not a case of a member of Congress against the person of a representative in the House of Representatives in its assembled capacity asserting the freedom of speech and the dignity of the House. It is not to punish an individual, but for the public good, that the Republic may endure. If one person is permitted to go unpunished for an assault upon one Congressman, everywhere else against a Congress-

RUDOLPH OSTERMANN, WHO RAN AWAY TO AVOID SCHOOL.



Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ostermann, who live at No. 22 West One Hundred and Fortieth street, fear that harm has come to their son, Rudolf, who ran away from home April 21 because he had to go to school. The police were notified and detectives have been working on the case, but no clue has been discovered to the whereabouts of the missing boy. This is not the first time Rudolf has run away, but on other occasions he has never been away for more than two or three days at a time. He said he was tired of school and wanted to become an engineer. He had only 75 cents with him.

Man for words used in debate on the floor of the House, and free speech is at an end. Not only that, but to assault a Representative or a Senator for words spoken in debate on the floor of either House might compel a good man who does not want to kill anybody to perform that very act. The Chair, therefore, reprimands Mr. Glover in the name of the House of Representatives and directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him from this House and discharge him from custody."

IS SEVENTH MEMBER OF VERY EXCLUSIVE CLUB.

Whereupon Mr. Glover bowed and quickly disappeared through a side door. Mr. Sims was not present. The Pugilistic Club has the following membership:

James Gunn, challenged a member to duel in 1788.

John Anderson, attacked a member with a knife in 1818.

Gen. Sam Houston, punched Representative Stanbery in 1822.

Frederic B. Brooks, himself a member, assaulted Senator Sumner, 1857.

A. P. Field, hammered "Pig Iron" Kelly in 1905.

Patrick Wood, attacked Representative Porter of Virginia in Richmond in 1870. He got three months in jail.

Charles C. Glover slapped the face of Thetus Sims.

There have been other citizens summoned before Congress for refusing to answer investigating committee questions, of which E. R. Chapman, New York broker, was a conspicuous example. Several would-be bribers and minor offenders have been summoned. But none of these is entitled to admission in the exclusive Congressional punching club, whose membership during more than a century has been limited to seven.

WALL STREET.

Stock prices at the opening were about 4 point off from last night's close, remaining dull during the short session today and closing off 1/4 to 1/2 point. Two speculative interests seem to be working in opposition in Canadian Pacific, a bear element making frequent efforts to depress the price while a number of others are noticed as buyers on all occasions.

The Whitehouse holidays will deprive our market here of the influence for good or evil which might develop on the European markets, as all will be closed until next Tuesday.

There appears to be little prospect that much activity will develop at the New York Stock Exchange until more definite news is received from Washington as to the prospects of a measure of currency reform at the extra session of Congress. Complete apathy prevails among the large interests, as no response was given to the extraordinarily good monthly copper statement or the remarkable agricultural exhibit as of May 1. Therefore, being impervious to good news, the room traders can see but little more than one side to speculation and bear selling develops on every little rise.

United States Steel Corporation reports unfilled tonnage April 30 of 6,754,782, against 7,466,000 of March 31, a decrease of 800,218 tons.

Closing Quotations.

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Am. Can.	22 1/2	22 1/4	1/4	
Am. Locomotive	22 1/2	22 1/4	1/4	
Am. Ry. & E. Bldg.	22 1/2	22 1/4	1/4	
Am. Steel	22 1/2	22 1/4	1/4	
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